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Listing of the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims

1. (previously presented) A secure network resource access system for facilitating access to a network printer located behind a firewall, the secure network resource access system comprising:

a proxy server located logically outside the firewall for receiving printing data from a data source located outside the firewall, the proxy server having a queue for storing the received printing data, the printing data being associated with the network printer and the network printer being associated as a network resource for the printing data of the data source; and

a polling server located logically behind the firewall, the polling server being configured for polling the proxy server to determine a status of the queue and to pull any received printing data across the firewall from the queue of the proxy server to the polling server.

2. (previously presented) The secure network resource access system according to claim 1, wherein the network printer includes an alias name, the received printing data includes the alias name of the network printer, and the polling server is configured to direct the received printing data to the network printer in accordance with the alias name.

3. (previously presented) A method for facilitating secure access to a network printer located behind a firewall, the method comprising the steps of:

storing received printing data in a queue of a proxy server, the received printing data from a data source located outside the firewall and being associated with the network printer and the network printer being associated as a network resource for the printing data of the data source; and

polling the proxy server located logically outside the firewall by a polling server located logically inside the firewall, the polling being to determine a status of the queue and to pull across the firewall any received printing data from the queue of the proxy server to the polling server.

4. (previously presented) The method according to claim 3, wherein the network printer includes an alias name, and the received printing data includes the alias name of the network printer.

5. (previously presented) The method according to claim 4 further comprising the step of directing the received printing data to the network printer in accordance with the associated alias name.

6. (previously presented) The system of claim 1 further comprising an enterprise server for obtaining the received printing data from the polling server and for distributing the received printing data to the network printer.

7. (previously presented) The system of claim 2, wherein the alias name uniquely identifies a physical network location of the network printer and is associated with a physical property of the network printer.

8. (previously presented) The system of claim 1, wherein the data source is a network terminal configured for communication with the network printer.

9. (previously cancelled) ~~The system of claim 8, wherein the network resource is selected from the group comprising: a printing device; a facsimile machine; an image server; a file server; an email pager; and an email-enabled telephone.~~

10. (previously presented) The system of claim 9, wherein the received printing data is selected from the group comprising: text; image; and multimedia data.

11. (previously presented) The system of claim 10, wherein the received printing data is in a format suitable for processing by the network printer.

12. (previously presented) The method of claim 3 further comprising the step of obtaining the received printing data from the polling server and then distributing the received printing data to the network printer.
13. (previously presented) The method of claim 4, wherein the alias name uniquely identifies a physical network location of the network printer and is associated with a physical property of the network printer.
14. (previously presented) The method of claim 3, wherein the data source is a network terminal configured for communication with the network printer.
15. (previously cancelled) ~~The method of claim 14, wherein the network printer is selected from the group comprising: a printing device; a facsimile machine; an image server; a file server; an email pager; and an email enabled telephone.~~
16. (previously presented) The method of claim 15, wherein the received printing data is selected from the group comprising: text; image; and multimedia data.
17. (previously presented) The method of claim 16, wherein the received printing data is in a format suitable for processing by the network printer.
18. (previously presented) The system of claim 1, wherein the system facilitates access to a plurality of network printers.
19. (previously presented) The method of claim 3, wherein the method facilitates secure access to a plurality of network printers.
20. (previously presented) The system of claim 1, wherein the network printer is associated with a user of the data source.
21. (previously presented) the method of claim 3, wherein the network printer is associated with a user of the data source.

Remarks

Applicant has reviewed the Examiner's comments with respect to the subject application and has the following comments.

Applicant confirms that Applicant's previous response was found to be persuasive by the Examiner and that the art rejection has been withdrawn accordingly.

In view of various obviousness statements made by the Examiner for claims 1 and 3, claims 2,4, and 5, claims 6 and 12, claims 7 and 13, claims 8 and 14, claims 10 and 16, claim 17, claims 18 and 19, and claims 20 and 21, Applicant respectfully disagrees with the Examiner's findings. In particular, Applicant does not believe it is obvious to have an additionally recited claim features of "a queue for storing the received data", "the network printer being associated as a network resource", nor the feature of "determining a status of the queue".

Further, Applicant does not agree with the rejection concerning the additional claim features relating to distribution by the enterprise server to the printing device, to the implicit nature of print data, the received printing data is in the printer format as conversion may take place at the polling/proxy/enterprise server level, and the network printer is associated with a user of the data source as the data may come from a data source not related to the user of the network printer.

However, in order to further expedite the prosecution of the present application, Applicant submits a timely filed terminal disclaimer in order to overcome the Nonstatutory Double Patenting Rejection of claims 1-8, 10-14, and 16-21.

Conclusion

In light of the above submissions and remarks, applicant submits that the claims 1-8, 10-14, and 16-21 are in condition for allowance, and request that the

outstanding rejections be withdrawn. If a telephone conference would expedite allowance of the claims, the Examiner may wish to telephone Applicant's Patent Agent at (416) 862-4318.

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